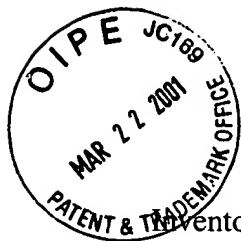


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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following as a preliminary amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

7. (Added) The method of claim 5 wherein the environment comprises a liver.
8. (Added) The method of claim 5 wherein the environment comprises hepatocytes.
9. (Added) The method of claim 6 wherein the environment comprises a liver.
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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE



Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

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